



On September 23rd and 24th of 2008, the Saint Paul Police Department and the Gerald D. Vick Human Trafficking Task Force, in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, will present a two day conference addressing the problem of human trafficking. Domestic and international criminals have made trafficking, smuggling, and sex slavery a booming businesses that can reach every community throughout our country. Often a hidden crime, this conference will teach attendees how to look beneath the surface to uncover these crimes in hopes of rescuing victims and holding offenders accountable.

This conference will focus on how to recognize the crime of human trafficking in the community and work together to combat the problem. Topics to be covered include:

- How to define the crime of human trafficking
- How to identify victims of human trafficking
- What tools and programs are available to help victims of human trafficking
- How to investigate crimes of human trafficking, including the essential use of task forces
- What it takes to prosecute a human trafficking case
- Why community collaboration is essential to address the problem

The instructors will show why law enforcement and service providers must work together in a victim-centered approach when investigating and combating human trafficking. Attendees will learn how multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional task forces operate and learn from case studies on successful human trafficking investigations.

Keynote speakers include:

- Mark Kappelhoff, Section Chief of the Criminal Division, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice
- The Honorable Judge John R. Tunheim, United States District Court Judge

Who should attend:

- Police chiefs, sheriffs and officers
- Tribal police
- Clergy
- Federal, State and local prosecutors
- Crime victim service providers
- Judges
- Medical personnel
- Victim advocates
- Victim witness coordinators

This conference will be held in downtown Saint Paul at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. The \$100.00 registration fee provides lunch and refreshments on both days, as well as all course materials and handouts. If you need hotel accommodations, rooms have been blocked under a government discounted rate at a variety of conveniently located hotels. When making reservations, please refer to the “Human Trafficking Conference”.

The hotels are:

Holiday Inn RiverCentre
175 W. 7th St, St. Paul
651-225-1515

Hilton Garden Inn
411 Minnesota St., St. Paul
651-291-8800

Embassy Suites Hotel
175 E. 10th St., St. Paul
651-224-5400